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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: NYERERE AND CONDITIONS FOR RHODESIAN PEACE

REF: LUSAKA 116 (NOTAL); AND GABORONE 110

1. PRESIDENT NYERERE SUMMONED NEW BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MERWYN BROWN TO HIS BUTIAMA VACATION HOME JANUARY 23, IN CONTEXT OF TANZANIAN-UK AGREEMENT TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH ON RHODESIAN MATTERS. ACCORDING FONMIN OFFICER WHO ATTENDED MEETING, NYERERE TRANSMITTED FOLLOWING VIEWS TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT:

(A) THERE CAN BE NO DEFINITE CEASEFIRE IN RHODESIA UNTIL SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE LEAVE THE COUNTRY. UNTIL POLICE LEAVE, TANZANIA AND OTHERS WILL CONTINUE TO TRAIN AND ARM RHODESIAN
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GUERRILLAS, AND NEW AND MORE SOPHOSTICATED WEAPONS ARE NOW

AVAILABLE TO GIVE THEM.

(B) CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL SMITH ADMITS THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR MAJORITY RULE, WHETHER IMMEDIATE OR BY GRADUAL STEPS. SMITH'S ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE IS ESSENTIAL.

2. A BRITISH DIPLOMAT PRESENT AT MEETING TOLD EMBOFF THAT NYERERE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SMITH PROBABLY DID NOT WANT A FULL CEASEFIRE, SINCE THIS WOULD MEAN WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE. ONCE THE POLICE LEAVE, NYERERE SAID, THEY WOULD BE VERY UNLIKELY TO RETURN NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED.

3. COMMENT: TANZANIAN MEDIA, WHILE CONTINUING TO STRESS DESIRABILITY OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO RHODESIAN SITUATION, ALSO HARP CONTINUALLY ON AFRICA'S PREPAREDNESS CONTINUE ARMED STRUGGLE IF NECESSARY. IN EMPHASIZING TO BRITISH THE REAL POSSIBILITY OF NEW FIGHTING ON TERMS MORE FAVORABLE TO GUERILLAS THAN BEFORE, NYERERE PRESUMABLY TRYING TO OBTAIN NEW MOVEMENT IN RHODESIAN SITUATION. PRESSURE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS SEEMS OBVIOUS RESULT OF NYERERE'S JANAURY 19 MEETING IN ZAMBIA (REFTELS) WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL, AND BOTSWANA FONMIN MOGWE. CARTER

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